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AND MANUFACTURING  
PRECISION-FOLDED, HIGH  
STRENGTH, FATIGUE-  
RESISTANT STRUCTURES AND  
SHEET THEREFOR**

Art Unit: **3725**

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This Application relies on the earlier filing date of prior Application Nos. 10/256,870 filed 9/26/2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,877,349), and 09/640,267 filed 08/17/2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,481,259), under 35 U.S.C. § 120. It is understood that the Examiner will consider information that was submitted to or cited by the Office in such prior applications. M.P.E.P. § 609 (I)(A)(2). Copies of documents previously submitted to or cited by the Office in the prior application are not required to be provided in this application and thus are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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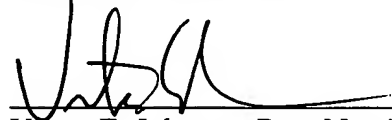
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